

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A computerized system network for interesting and retaining at least one qualified purchaser or licensee of a patent or trade secret, comprising:

- ~~(1) at least one seller;~~
- ~~(2) at least one prospective purchaser; and~~
- ~~(3)~~(1) a computerized central network core site comprising at least ~~one comprising and at least one~~ computer readable storage medium through which:
  - i. ~~the a~~ seller presents a first level of information disclosure of said patent or trade secret relating to a product or method to ~~the a~~ prospective purchaser and requests a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;
  - ii. the purchaser fulfills the first demand;
  - iii. the seller presents a second level of additional information disclosure relating to said product or method that is more ~~confidentiality~~ confidential and is more secure than the first level of disclosure and requests a second response, said second response comprising fulfillment of the second demand by the purchaser;
  - vi. the purchaser fulfills the second demand;
  - vii. and wherein at least one level of information disclosure comprises an amount of description of said product or method and the seller and the

purchaser optionally enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The ~~network~~ system of claim 1, through which the seller presents additional levels of disclosure comprising requests for additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, wherein the purchaser fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein each successive level of presenting has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

Claim 7. (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein said demands comprise compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

Claim 8. (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein each level of said presenting comprises revealing additional information relating to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, further comprising peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of patents or trade secrets offered through the network core site.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method of using the computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1 to interest and retain at least one qualified purchaser of a patent or trade secret comprising:

- 2) a seller presenting a first level of disclosure of said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said ~~network~~ system and requesting a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by said purchaser;
- 3) said purchaser fulfilling said first demand via said ~~network~~ system;
- 4) said seller presenting a second level of disclosure that is more confidential and more secure than said first level of disclosure of said patent or trade secret to the purchaser via said ~~network~~ system and requesting a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of a second demand by said purchaser;
- 5) said purchaser fulfilling said second demand via said ~~network~~ system; and
- 6) said seller and said purchaser optionally entering into a contract relative to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising additional presenting of levels of disclosure by the seller comprising request for additional responses, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands, wherein the purchaser fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is a licensing agreement.

Claim 13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said contract is an assignment of rights.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein each successive level of presenting has associated therewith an increasing level of confidentiality and security.

Claim 16. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said demands comprise compensation comprising one or more of money, certificate authentication, or agreements.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein each level of said presenting comprises revealing additional information relating to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the purchaser or seller access peripheral services relating to marketing or exchange of a patent or trade secret available on the network prior to entering into the contract.

Claim 19. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having program logic stored thereon, wherein said program logic comprises machine readable code to enable the computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1 to interest and retain at least one qualified purchaser of a patent or trade secret, wherein the machine readable code comprises:

- 1) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a first level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a first response, said first response comprising a fulfillment of a first demand by the purchaser;
- 2) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the first demand;
- 3) machine readable code to enable the seller to present a second level of disclosure of the patent or trade secret that is more confidential and more secure than said first level of disclosure to the purchaser via the central network core site and request a second response, said second response comprising a fulfillment of the second demand by the purchaser;
- 4) machine readable code to enable the purchaser to fulfill the second demand; and
- 5) machine readable code to enable the seller and the purchaser to optionally enter into a contract relative to the patent or trade secret.

Claim 20. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising machine readable code to enable the central network core site to perform peripheral services relating to the marketing or exchange of the patent or trade secret.

Claim 21. (currently amended) The ~~network~~ computerized system of claim 1, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

Claim 22. (original) The network of claim 21, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 23. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the first and second responses are requested by the purchaser and comprise fulfillment of a first and second demand by the seller, and the seller fulfills the first and second demands.

Claim 24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein the purchaser requests additional responses from the seller to view additional levels of disclosure, said additional responses comprising fulfillment of additional demands by the seller, wherein the seller fulfills said demands before entering into the contract.

Claim 25. (original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein the machine readable code enables the first and second responses to be requested by the purchaser and fulfilled by the seller.

Claim 26. (Currently amended) The ~~network~~ computerized system of claim 1, wherein the purchaser also requests a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 27. (Currently amended) The ~~network~~ computerized system of claim 2, wherein the purchaser also request a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 28. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the purchaser also requests a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 29. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the purchaser also requests a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 30. (original) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising machine readable code to enable the purchaser to also request a response from the seller comprising fulfillment of a demand by the seller prior to the presentation of each level of disclosure.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) The computerized ~~network~~ system of claim 1, wherein said patent or trade secret is for an invention to a tangible item or for a method and wherein said contract permits said purchaser to make multiple copies of said tangible item or perform said method multiple times.

Claim 32. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first level of disclosure is unsecure.

Claim 33. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said method comprises one or more additional steps of presenting levels of disclosure and

requesting responses by said seller and said purchaser fulfilling said responses  
before said entering into said contract relative to said patent or trade secret.

Claim 34. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said computerized  
system is operable on an ~~network is the~~ internet.